Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Oahe Dam was authorized in 1944 by the Flood Control Act and was built by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. It was the third of the Great Pick-Sloan dams to be built on the Missouri River; and,

Whereas, At the time of Oahe Dam's completion, it was the largest rolled earth filled dam in the world with 92 million cubic yards of earth creating its structure. Lake Oahe is the fourth largest artificial reservoir in the United States; and,

Whereas, Oahe Dam's power plant, with a capacity of 786,030 kilowatts, is the largest of the six Missouri River power plants; and,

Whereas, In physical size, Oahe Dam's generators are among the world's largest; and,

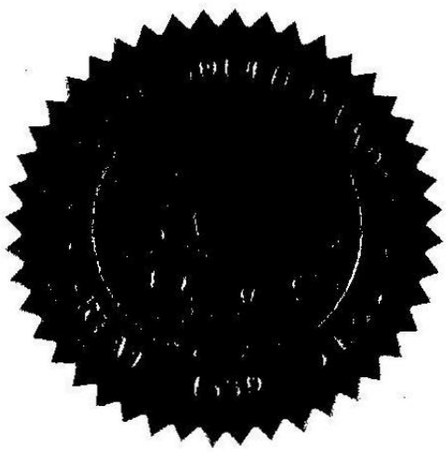
Whereas, There are substantial benefits to South Dakota from Oahe Dam's power generation, flood control, navigation, irrigation, fish and wildlife conservation, and recreation projects; and,

Whereas, On August 17, 1962, United States President John F. Kennedy was in Pierre, South Dakota, to dedicate the Oahe Dam. On August 17, 2012, the state of South Dakota and the United States Army Corp of Engineers are recognizing the 50th Anniversary of this historic event and paying special tribute to those men and women who constructed Oahe Dam:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 17, 2012, as

OAHE DAM COMMEMORATION DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State